



Talkin' Trash – The Anti-Debris Act

Scoring Guide for Newspaper

Exemplary (Exceeds the Standard)

- Newspaper meets all the criteria for **Proficient**, plus:
- Newspaper contains an original political cartoon depicting some aspect of the Anti-Debris Act
- Newspaper achieves a balance between researched ideas and original ideas
- Newspaper is exceptionally detailed
- Newspaper is visually outstanding and well laid out

Proficient (Meets the Standard)

- Newspaper is formatted in a recognizable newspaper format
- Newspaper contains the required items (news article, letters to editor, ads, graphics, local story)
- All items reflect the time period (1800's)
- All items are historically accurate and relevant to the topic (Anti-Debris Act)
- All graphics support the stories
- Newspaper has minimal white space
- Newspaper has been proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors

Progressing (Toward Meeting the Standard)

- Newspaper contains at least five of the criteria for **Proficient**
- Newspaper needs more work

Not Yet Meeting the Standard

- Newspaper contains less than five of the criteria for **Proficient**
- Newspaper lacks content and/or focus
- Article needs more work